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NEGRO WELFARE LEAGUE  
OF  
NEW JERSEY.

March 22, 1917.

The seventh meeting of the Friendly Visitors Committee was held on the above date. In the absence of Mrs. Green, Miss Middleton presided.

Present:- Mrs. Martha Oliver, Mrs. C.M. Scott, Mrs. Holmes, Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. Moryck, Mrs. Wright, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Douglas, Mrs. M. Burley, Mrs. Richardson, Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Gratton, Mrs. Baxter, Miss Thomas, Mrs. Wornley, Mrs. Francisco, Mr. Undervall, Mr. Stewart, and Rev. G. Leonard Johnson.

HARRIET GRAY, Mrs. Wornley visited 12 Lewis Street, but could not find women there. Will continue to search for her.

McDANIELS, Dropped from the minutes.

SHERMAN, No report.

MITCHELL, Have paid back the money they have borrowed and are getting along nicely.

SMITH, Left in the care of Miss Robinson.

BLACK, Spoke to Miss Laddy of the Legal Aid regarding woman's goods that have been delayed by the Express Company. Miss Laddy said as woman has not paid for and has not received her goods, she has not a good case against the company. However, she will send one of her special workers to see the woman and also to look at the goods and see what could be done to recompense the woman if the goods are in as bad condition as she said. In regard to making a claim against the company, the woman would have to first pay the express charges and have goods in her possession, which she has not.

WILLIAMS, Miss Robinson will visit again, try to get a better address and send the letter. Mrs. Holmes took clothing.

MORRISON, Baby died in the City Hospital last week. Man is dying and is anxious to move to better rooms. Mrs. Wright will give him the address of some rooms which she knows about.

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LOWE, Mrs. Wilson reports. Conditions improved in family. One of the people have moved out. Daughter came from Maplewood, Ill. Pays \$18. Roomers. 5 rooms with kitchen.

SPENCER, Have moved to 45 Livingston Street. The children have not gone to school. Mrs. Wilson will continue to visit.

LOVETT, Need spring clothing before they can go to church. Will be told to come to the office Wednesday and see about buying some clothing reasonably.

WILLIAMS, Mrs. Oliver reports family is getting along nicely. They are anxious to move to better rooms.

JORDAN, Mrs. Oliver reports family has three children; one girl is working. Pays \$12 a month for 4 undesirable rooms and anxious to move.

VANDERVEER, Mrs. Richardson will see Dr. Rhodes and ask someone from his church to come to the Friendly Visitor's meeting next week, and become interested in the family.

BOTTS, Continued on the minutes.

BRADLEY --- SPRADLEY, Are in very bad condition. Rooms have not been improved. Would like to go on a farm. Water in the house still turned off. Woman is discouraged with the bad condition here.

TYLER, Last summer, three of the family were in the hospital with Infantile Paralysis. Father was one of the victims. At home from the hospital since last week, and can't move in the air. All are happy to have him home. Besides the B.A.C., relatives have been helping them. They need more milk. Miss Thomas will continue to visit.

RIVERS, Mrs. Gratton reports family are going to move as soon as they get rooms. Man is working. Told woman she could buy some clothes at a small cost here. Man joined the Methodist Church last Sunday.

Mrs. Moran

FLEMING, Wants to move. A thinks woman is capable of doing better if she had a chance. Mrs. M. thinks she can sew.

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MURRAY, Man better. Going to work next week. They are living in a deplorable way. Another daughter and young baby have come from the south. Hopes to send for wife soon.

COX, Mrs. Richardson reports 10 people living in 4 rooms. (two families) Need clothing to send boy to school. The grown people need clothes. Will take some today.

McKEE, Mother has arrived from the south and everyone is happy.

CAMPBELL, 63 Richmond Street. ~~Mr. Stewart reports~~ man has copy. Nurse goes in once a week. Needs a nurse more often.

BROWN, Mrs. Moryck reports the woman was not at home. There are 8 people in the family living in 3 rooms and they have but one bed. Ida & Melva are the only children in school. Mrs. Morck will visit again and learn more about the family, and report.

GUNN, Miss Scudder was absent from the meeting but reported later, that in the same house there was a family by the name of Star. When visitor called they all seemed frightened and couldn't understand that she was there with a good purpose. When asked a boy about 16 years old whether he was working, he laughed and said "no." Visitor thinks he will be willing to work if he had a position. When asked about a girl and baby, all kept quiet and would not get down to business. The children went to Presbyterian Sunday school. Visitor invited them to church on Easter Sunday. There were two or three girls about 16 years old, clean looking. When asked a young man whether he was sick, for he had his head tied up, answered, "I am Mr. Ceter's son."

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Miss Stratton reported a family went to Mattie Morris Home Wednesday night. Left their goods in an empty house. Man returned the empty house that night and was taken ill there.

It was suggested that something ought to be done to see landlords about high rents.

Mrs. Richardson invited Miss Sadie White, 62 8th Ave. to come a member, also to help with the sewing.

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For the Social on April 2.

Mrs. Gratton will give 7 lbs. of sugar. Mrs. Burley  
give 3½ lbs. of sugar.

Mr. Credit has promised to be here on the 1st of April.

Mr. Vandervall is trying to get in touch with the State  
Industrial Association to get families on farms. He approves of  
coming out of town districts and getting the state to help.

It has been asked if someone would come some morning to make  
list of all ministers. Mrs. Scott will give list of Methodist  
ministers. Each minister will be asked to take 10 minutes to talk  
at the League, in his church.

Mr. Johnson reports Philadelphia is helping to better the  
conditions among the negroes, trying to send them to the country  
as many cases as possible and are holding Mass Meetings to  
raise money. He visited several pastors on Monday interesting them  
in holding meetings in their churches.

Rev. Hughes has offered to have a meeting in his church on  
April 4th at 8 P.M.

Rev. Waters, Hickory Street, offers his church for Sunday  
School, March 25.

The Rev. Love of Hackensack is desirous of holding a meeting  
in his church at an early date.

Mr. Stewart suggested that Mr. Johnson take charge of the  
singing and Miss Pendleton to do the speaking. Mrs. Baxter  
agreed to speak at the meetings. It was suggested that a small  
singing committee be formed, consisting of Mrs. Scott, Mrs. Baxter,  
Mr. Stewart and Mr. Vandervall to take up the work of the church  
singing. Help will be given Mr. Johnson in clerical work at the  
League.

Mrs. Oliver, Mrs. Scott, Mrs. Gratton and Mrs. Burley took  
thing home to rip, preparing them for remodeling.